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SUBJECT: THREAT ANALYSIS FOR SECSTATE VISIT TO GENEVA,
SWITZERLAND, JULY 11-13, 1978

1. AN ANALYSIS OF TAG'S HISTORICAL FILE ON SWITZERLAND
AND A REVIEW OF CURRENT INTELLIGENCE HAS PRODUCED NO
DIRECT, IMMEDIATE THREATS BY INDIVIDUALS OR TERRORIST
ORGANIZATIONS AGAINST SECRETARY VANCE IN CONJUNCTION
WITH HIS VISIT TO GENEVA FROM JULY 11-13, 1978. THIS
THREAT ASSESSMENT IS PRIMARILY BASED ON THE FOLLOWING
FACTORS:

(A) THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO CONFER WITH SOVIET
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FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO ON SALT NEGOTIATIONS. THIS
POTENTIAL TREATY HAS AN ALMOST UNIVERSAL APPEAL, AND
IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE ANY TERRORIST GROUP WANTING
TO DISRUPT THIS MEETING.

(B) THERE ARE NO KNOWN SWISS TERRORIST GROUPS WHICH HAVE
TARGETED U.S. INTERESTS IN SWITZERLAND.

(C) ANTI-AMERICAN INCIDENTS IN SWITZERLAND ARE MINIMAL
AND ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT IS VERY MILD.

(D) BECAUSE OF ITS LOGISTICAL AND TRANSIT VALUE TO
INTERNATIONAL AND TRANSNATIONAL TERRORISTS, SWITZERLAND
HAS BEEN SPARED FROM ANY MAJOR TERRORIST OPERATION SINCE
1970. FROM ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE, THIS OPERATIONAL
RESTRAINT IN SWITZERLAND BY THE PALESTINIAN TERRORIST
GROUPS GIVES THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY ARE "SAVING"
SWITZERLAND FOR POTENTIAL OPERATIONS AGAINST A GENEVA
PEACE CONFERENCE, A CONFERENCE THEY HAVE VOWED TO
DISRUPT.

2. THE THREAT ASSESSMENT PREPARED BY THE RSO IN
GENEVA (78 GENEVA 10039) SUPPORTS THE TAG THREAT
ASSESSMENT. SY/TAG WILL MONITOR INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY
INFORMATION ON THE VISIT AND REPORT ANY THREATS OR
POTENTIALLY THREATENING SITUATIONS WHICH COULD AFFECT
THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. VANCE

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